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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Preliminary Note: The election of claims 1-10 and 15-20 without traverse is acknowledged. Claims 11-14 are withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-10 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kotas et al. (U.S. Pre-Grant Publication 2003/0204449).

Claim 1: FIG. 1A of Kotas et al. illustrates a user interface having several different user controls. One such control is the rectangular “Search” box in the upper left corner of the interface. As seen by comparing FIGS. 1A with FIG. 3B, the search presents a menu of predetermined queries, such as “Music” or “Camera and Photo”. Each of FIGS. 1A through 4C illustrate various visual configurations associated with the predetermined queries.

User input controls the menu selection in the “Search” box. For example, in FIG. 1A, the user has selected “Music” as the search input from the menu of options available.

Pressing the “Go” button in the “Search” box executes a query on the data repository (544) shown in FIG. 5A.

The resulting pre-determined visual configurations (i.e. the search results) appear in FIGS. 1A through 4C.

Claim 2: FIGS. 1A and 1B have a common pre-determined query “Music” but different visual configurations of the user interface.

Claim 3: In FIG. 1A, the “Search” box permits a user to specify a common predetermined query, such as “Music”, but below this selection is a blank field where the user can further define the query. Accordingly, when the user specifies the common predetermined query of “Music”, different search results can be produced by further defining the query. These results will have different visual configurations, such as different photos of Audio CDs.

Claim 4: The “key figures” can be any information associated with product, such as the title of a work, price, availability and photo of the product. This data is stored in the data repository (544). Search queries using the “Search” box produce the key figures of title, price, availability and photo, as seen in FIG. 1A.

Claim 5: As seen in repository (544), the product information can be organized according to plural characteristics (Product IDs, Marketplace Listings, Pre-Order Listings). When a query is executed, the resulting key figure data presented can be organized as either a pre-order listing, as shown in FIG. 2, or a marketplace listing ready for immediate sale, as shown in FIG. 1A.

Claim 6: When a product query is executed, at least two key figures are presented in the search results, such as title of the work and price.

Claim 7: The results of all queries, such as displayed books or CDs derive from data in the data repository. The pre-determined query will specify specific results (such as a specific book title) which is then retrieved from the repository and displayed to the user.

Claim 8: All search options derive from user input. For example, the “Search” box shown in FIG. 1A does not appear until the user enters the website address in the address field.

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The search options are presented in response to the user entering the correct website address in the address field.

Claim 9: Within the “Search” box in FIG. 1A, either the selection “Music” or the text manually entered to further refine the search (in the field below “Music”) will be user defined.

Claim 10: In FIG. 1A, the user can select the pre-defined search option of “Music” by taking the single action of selecting “Music” from the drop down menu having “Music” as one of the options. It is also noted that any clicking action on any icon in FIG. 1A constitutes a single action user input.

Claim 15: See remarks for claim 1. Each of the pre-defined queries (“Music” or “Camera & Photo” in FIGS. 1A or 3B) is a drill down query since it will produce search results with drill down options. Any clickable icon in the search results are the drill down options. For example, the clickable option “7 Used” at (135) in FIG. 1A is a drill down option.

Claim 16: Any clickable icon in any of the FIGS. 1A through 4C is a drill down option since it further refines the displayed search results.

Claim 17: In FIG. 1A, the “Search” box includes a drop down menu (indicated by the downwardly pointing arrow) which shows the “Music” menu option as selected.

Claim 18: See remarks for claim 1.

Claim 19: In FIG. 1A, the “Search” box includes a drop down menu of options and an additional blank field (adjacent to the “Go” button) for further refining the search. The user defined search option is thus the refining information which the user enters into the blank field to retrieve a specific title. The plurality of search options are the drop down menu of options, such as “Music”.

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Claim 20: The data repository is repository (544) in FIG. 5A and the instructions for managing are defined by the inventory management system (535).

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